

for in authorizing legislation enacted into law.

Conference Agreement

Senate recedes.

B. Student Improvement Incentive Awards House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Section 103 of Title I of the Senate amendment authorizes student improvement incentive awards which could be used by a State educational agency to make awards to public schools in the State that are determined to be outstanding schools pursuant to a state-wide assessment.

Conference Agreement

House recedes.

C. State Incentives for Teacher Testing and Merit Pay House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Section 301 of Title III of the Senate amendment authorizes incentives for states to implement teacher testing and merit pay programs. The Department of Education would provide awards to states that test their K-12 teachers every 3-5 years in the subjects they teach and that have a merit pay program.

Conference Agreement

House recedes.

D. Equal Educational Opportunity House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Section 401 of Title IV of the Senate amendment authorizes the use of Federal education dollars to fund education reform projects that provide same gender schools and classrooms, as long as comparable educational opportunities are offered for students of both sexes.

Conference Agreement

House recedes.

E. Education Block Grant House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Sections 501-507 of Title V of the Senate amendment provide States a choice of receiving over \$10 billion in Federal education funds as a block grant at the state level, local level, or to continue receiving funding as under current categorical programs.

Conference Agreement

Senate recedes. The Conferees have reluctantly agreed to remove the education block grant amendment of Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) from the conference report in order to expeditiously move the underlying education savings account measure to the President. The Conferees believe the Gorton amendment would have returned authority for decisions about our children's education to where it belongs—to our parents, teachers, principals, superintendents and elected school board members, not bureaucrats in Washington, DC. The Conferees wish to commend the diligent efforts of Senator Gorton in this matter.

F. Sense of the Senate on Dollars to the Classroom House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Sections 601-602 of Title VI of the Senate amendment is a Sense of the Senate resolution that 95 percent of every Federal education dollar should end up in the classroom.

Conference Agreement

House recedes.

G. Reading Excellence House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Sections 701, 711, and 721-725 of Title VII of the Senate amendment authorize a literacy program which focuses upon training teachers to teach reading using scientifically proven methods, like phonics.

Conference Agreement

House recedes.

H. Dropout Prevention Program House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Sections 801, 811-812, and 821 of Title VIII of the Senate amendment authorize a National Dropout Prevention program.

Conference Agreement

Senate recedes.

I. Multilingualism Study House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Section 901 of Title IX of the Senate amendment authorizes a study on multilingualism.

Conference Agreement

House recedes with an amendment to add a finding to indicate that education is the primary responsibility of State and local governments and as such they are responsible for developing policies on multilingualism.

J. Safe Schools House Bill

No provision.

Senate Amendment

Section 902 of Title IX of the Senate amendment provides that weapons brought to school are admissible as evidence in any internal school disciplinary proceeding.

Conference Agreement

House recedes.

WILLIAM ARCHER,
BILL GOODLING,
DICK ARMEY,

Managers on the Part of the House.

WILLIAM V. ROTH,
CONNIE MACK,
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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, this weekend the communist government of China instructed its official news agency to issue the following statement in regard to its option to use force to conquer the Republic of China on Taiwan:

"Every sovereign state has the right to take all means it deems essential, including military means, to safeguard its territorial integrity."

Mr. Speaker, this is a rejection by Communist China of the commitments that its government has made to the United States in the past concerning the use of force in the Taiwan Straits. Supposedly we have an understanding with the communists that they will not use force if we recognize China under what is called the one China policy. This statement by the Communist Chinese, coming right before the President's visit, is a warning bell.

Some people in the United States are closing their eyes to the brutal suppression of human rights and the increase in military spending by the Communist Chinese government and thinking that will have no effect and that, instead, deals will be made with the communists and the past deals we made with them will suffice to maintain peace in that region.

Well, with their increased military power, the Communist Chinese are not only being belligerent to their neighbors, but seem now to be challenging the fundamental agreements that have served as the basis for peace between our countries. This is something the President must bring up, and this is one reason why this body last week passed a resolution insisting that this administration reaffirm that the United States is committed to oppose any violence in the Taiwan Straits and any use of force by the Communist Chinese to solve their differences with the Taiwanese.

This contempt for peaceful resolution of the tension in the Taiwan Straits coincides with the White House abandoning its plan to encourage the Communist Chinese to agree to an agreement to control the export of weapons of mass destruction, this during the upcoming Tiananmen Square summit. The President has abandoned the idea altogether of trying to get them to sign an agreement. The Communist Chinese leaders rejected the idea for a second time last week, this in the face of reports that the Communist Chinese continue to send technology to different countries that expands those countries' ability to produce nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

The President is insisting on going to Communist China anyway. The symbolism of this visit could not be worse. At a time when they seem to be reneging, with these statements we just heard, when they are sending weapons of mass destruction and the technology of weapons of mass destruction elsewhere, with the continuing massive violations of human rights on mainland China and Tibet and the belligerence the Chinese are showing, this could not be a worse time for the President to just go as "Johnny Sunshine" representing whatever to the people of China. In fact, the oppressors in Beijing will laugh at the President, because they realize his presence there

and in Tiananmen Square makes a mockery of this country's commitment to human rights and makes a mockery of our commitment to nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

What it does in terms of to the oppressor, it encourages them to believe we are not serious about these things, to the oppressed it is even worse. A mother of a 17-year-old boy who was killed in the Tiananmen Square massacre recently courageously made a public statement in Beijing urging President Clinton not to go to Tiananmen Square:

"I can't understand why he chooses this inappropriate time," ten years, almost ten years to the day, after the massacre, "this inappropriate time and place," this woman says, "to conduct the visit. To Chinese people the month of June means bloodshed and killing, so why choose June," this lady, this mother of the slain human rights activist, states.

Again I quote: "The red carpet he will walk on is soaked with the blood of our relatives. Of course, the state leaders of other countries get the same reception there, but the United States is different as it is a superpower of the free world and it is supposed to uphold justice."

I call on the President, as many in this body do, to reconsider this trip and to stand for freedom in Tibet and human rights on the mainland of China. Those stands will bring a better chance for peace in the world.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. ROHRABACHER) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ROHRABACHER, today, for 5 minutes.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRABACHER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EDWARDS.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. KIND.
Mr. HINCHEY.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1693. An act to provide for improved management and increased accountability for certain National Park Service programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16, 1998, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9610. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1997-98 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins [FV98-989-1 FIR] received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9611. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-985-2 FIR] received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9612. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Removal of Sunday Packing and Loading Prohibitions [Docket No. FV98-959-2 FIR] received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9613. A letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities [7 CFR Part 1485] received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9614. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300671; FRL-5795-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9615. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300670; FRL-5795-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9616. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Quizalofop-p ethyl ester; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300663; FRL-5793-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9617. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide;

Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300668; FRL 5794-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9618. A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 1997, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 2277a-13; to the Committee on Agriculture.

9619. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Use of Auctions, Spot Bids, or Retail Sales of Surplus Contractor Inventory by the Contractor [DFARS Case 98-D004] received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9620. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Conduct on the Pentagon Reservation [32 CFR Part 234] received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9621. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report detailing the reduction in acquisition positions by the Department of Defense; to the Committee on National Security.

9622. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the report on Sub-Saharan Africa and the Export-Import Bank of the United States, pursuant to Public Law 105-121; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9623. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9624. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Fiscal Year 1997 Biennial Report to Congress on the Status of Children in Head Start Programs, pursuant to Head Start Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9625. A letter from the Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Gasoline Volatility Requirements for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Ozone Non-attainment Area [SIPTRAX NO. PA110-4068a; FRL-6162-4] received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9626. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA181-0069; FRL-6110-2] received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9627. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazardous Waste Combusters; Revised Standards; Final Rule—Part 1: RCRA Comparable Fuel Exclusion; Permit Modifications for Hazardous Waste Combustion Units; Notification of Intent to Comply; Waste Minimization and Pollution Prevention Criteria for Compliance Extensions [EPA F-98-RCSF-FFFFF; FRL-6110-3] (RIN: 2050-AE01) received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.